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BURNED TO DEATH.

Terrible Result of a Fire at Rochester, N. Y.

FOUR LIVES SACRIFICED.

A Mother and Three of Her Children Burned Beyond Recognition—An Old Lady Burned to Death in Philadelphia. Lives Lost in Other Fires.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 27.—In a fire on Orchard street early yesterday morning Mrs. John Diedrich and her three children were burned to death. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Mrs. Diedrich had arisen at 4 o'clock to start a fire in the kitchen stove and awakened her husband soon after with an alarm of fire. She rushed in to save her three little children and perished in the flames. Her husband and one son escaped.

The family retired about 10 o'clock Thursday night. The mother and three children went to sleep in a small bedroom in the rear part of the house and the father and a son 15 years of age slept together in the sitting room. Yesterday morning at 4 o'clock the mother awoke and started a fire in the kitchen stove and then returned to bed. In less than an hour the mother awakened by smoke in her bed room and rose to find the kitchen in flames. Her screams awoke the father and son, and the boy started out of the house in his night clothes to awake the neighbors. He ran to the house next door and arousing Mr. Mattern asked him to send in alarms of fire. Mr. Mattern ran to the corner of Orchard and Orange streets and gave the alarm.

It was but a little over five minutes before the firemen reached the spot, but before that time Mrs. Diedrich and the three children sleeping with her had perished in the flames. After arousing her husband the mother returned to the bedroom to save her children, but perished with them. Until the fire was extinguished it was supposed that Mrs. Diedrich and the children had escaped to some of the neighbors', but after the water had subdued the flames and the firemen had entered the apartment where she had slept the remains of the mother and three children were found on the bed burned beyond recognition.

Aged Lady Burned to Death.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—A fire Thursday evening in the residence of Edward Penrose, 2105 Gratz avenue, resulted in the death of his aged mother-in-law, Mrs. Fitzsimmons, of Brooklyn, who was spending the holidays with her daughter, and the almost total destruction of the house.

The old lady had retired and the rest of the family were admiring a Christmas tree, when the tapers on the tree became ignited, setting the entire room on fire almost instantly. During the excitement that followed the old lady was forgotten, and was suffocated by the smoke before the fire was extinguished. The dead woman was the widow of a prominent Brooklyn merchant who left a moderate fortune. She is also an aunt of Edward H. Flood, the contractor and builder.

Dead Body Found in the Ruins.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The body of Frank McGovern was found yesterday in the ruins of the Bristol block which was burned on Wednesday night. McGovern had been employed at odd jobs, about the building and had probably gone to sleep in the cellar and was smothered before he awoke.

Burned in Her Residence.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Ellen Gibbons, aged 80 years, was burned to death at her house on Ash street early yesterday morning. It is not known whether her death was accidental or self murder.

A BURNING MINE.

One Hundred and Twenty Men Imprisoned but Make Their Escape.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Pa., Dec. 27.—Early yesterday morning a miner's lamp exploded in the underground stables at the United coke works, of H. C. Frick & Company, near Mount Pleasant. The explosion set fire to the hay and feed. The flames spread to all parts of the mine, which is now burning with frightful fury. The tippie houses and several other buildings at the top of the shaft were also destroyed.

Nearly all of the company's property above and below the shaft was burned. Sixteen mines also perished. The fire was caused by Stabileman John Skrogs lamp setting fire to a barrel of oil which exploded. The burning oil scattered all about the stable. Skrogs battled with the flames but without effect and barely gained the top of the shaft when the flames followed him, setting fire to everything of an inflammable nature.

There were 120 men at work in the burning mine. At the first alarm the entire population of the village rushed to the burning shaft and a babel of shrieking voices filled the air. Half an hour later a hopeful cheer came from the door of an air shaft a short distance away that changed the wailing of the almost frantic people into shouts of joy, as they saw their friends crawling out of the little hole in the ground to a place of safety. All of the miners were saved. Mine Master William West had discovered the flames, and given a timely warning to the workmen who were scattered over a radius nearly a mile in extent.

Mine Master West, assuring himself that all his men were safe, with a dozen followers re-entered the mine and erected a brattice, preventing the flames from spreading in the heading. Charles Bowder, the company's master mechanic, ventured beyond the fire limit and was overcome by the gas. West

dashed through the flames, dragging Bowder back to a place of safety and resuscitated him. The company's loss will reach \$75,000, and months will elapse before the works can be operated again.

FIRE LOSSES ELSEWHERE.

A Fine Depot Burned at Port Jervis, New York—Other Places Visited.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The Erie railroad depot, at this place, was totally destroyed by fire last night. It was one of the handsomest passenger depots on the line of the road, and had been built only about three years.

The fire is believed to have been caused by the crossing of electric light wires on the roof with those of the company connecting with the operating room, where the fire was discovered. Loss at out \$50,000.

Big Fire in San Augustine, Tex.

SAN AUGUSTINE, Tex., Dec. 27.—Fire Wednesday destroyed Collins' dry goods store, hotel, barroom and livery stable; Lynch's store; Wallace's hotel; Sharp & Sosman's saloon; J. R. Johnson & Company's store; Sosman's confectionery; Polk & Garrett's saloon, and many residences. Loss \$50,000; insurance \$10,000. A high wind was raging at the time.

Business Block Burned.

VIROQUA, Wis., Dec. 27.—Fire yesterday destroyed an entire business block, and it was only by great exertions on the part of firemen and citizens that the remainder of the town was saved. The total loss is estimated at \$150,000, and the insurance \$16,000.

Arrested for Arson.

WASHINGTON, Ind., Dec. 27.—Fire at Plainville yesterday destroyed Jenkins' hotel, Little's store and other buildings. Loss, \$12,000; insurance, \$8,000. James McBride, a prominent citizen of the town, is under arrest charged with firing the block.

Fertilizer Works Burned.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 27.—Fire last night destroyed the Edisto phosphate and fertilizer works, about three miles from this city. Loss, \$200,000, fully insured.

COUNTERFEITERS CAPTURED.

A Number of Arrests Made and Money Captured in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27.—Seventeen men and two women were arrested Thursday night and locked up under the charge of passing counterfeit money. Eleven hundred silver dollars, perfect in every detail, the only fault being light weight, were also captured by the officers who made the raid at No. 543 Lincoln avenue, East End. In this building the entire party has been living since its arrival in the city last week. Yesterday five other men were arrested on suspicion, and \$60 additional bogus silver dollars captured. The United States officials say that the money was not made in Pittsburgh, but the gang, all of whom so far captured, are Italians, has its headquarters elsewhere.

From one of the prisoners the detectives ascertained that the money was made in New York, and that similar gangs were sent to other cities to distribute the money. The prisoner could not tell what cities were being operated. The crew that led to the discovery of the gang was picked up in a restaurant in Market alley Thursday evening, where two Italians, accompanied by women, said to be their wives, tendered a light-weight dollar in payment for refreshments.

These two men, Mazzo Mazzalting and Alia Rotisca, were given a hearing before United States Commissioner McCandless yesterday afternoon. Nothing of importance was developed at the hearing, and they were committed to jail in default of \$1,000 each.

Two informations were made before Commissioner McCandless yesterday against Leonard Matenc and Michael Demarino, charging them with having in their possession counterfeit money. They are the men, it is alleged who brought the satchel, containing \$1,100 in counterfeit money to the boarding house in East Liberty. These men will have a hearing next.

The weather.

Snow, westerly winds, followed by warmer weather.

The storm on the Atlantic coast is central between New York city and Philadelphia. Heavy snows have occurred in New England and the Middle Atlantic states. Snowfalls of eight inches are reported from Boston and New York, with wind's velocity of thirty-two to forty-two miles an hour. The highest velocity attained was sixty-eight miles at Block Island. The snow will continue in the lake regions, New York and New Eng and to-morrow. South of Philadelphia the weather will probably clear with no marked changes in temperature.

Near Erie Collision.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Dec. 27.—A rear end collision occurred about 10 o'clock last night between two freight trains on the Michigan Central, near Iona, resulting in the death of brakeman Hector Grant, of this city, and the serious injury of three other trainmen. It is not yet known who was responsible for the accident.

Onto Christian Alliance.

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 27.—The third mid-winter convention of the Ohio Christian Alliance, which is composed of Faith Cure believers, Second Adventists, Sanctificationists and Christian Scientists, began in the town hall at Bluffton village, sixteen miles west of this city, at 7 o'clock last night. The convention will last five days, and is attended by believers in these doctrines from all over the country.

Insurance Agent Arrested.

TIPPECANOE, O., Dec. 27.—F. C. Fadner, an insurance agent from Toledo, was arrested in this city yesterday morning for embezzling \$345 from a company he represented, and was taken to Toledo for trial. Fadner formerly resided here and was highly esteemed.

AN ORDERLY STRIKE.

Such is the One Now on in Scotland.

TEN THOUSAND MEN ARE OUT.

The State of Affairs Growing More Serious While Both Sides Seem to Be as Determined as Ever Not to Make Any Concessions—Other Foreign News.

GLASGOW, Dec. 27.—The strike situation, in so far as the North British railway is involved, is very slightly changed. The officials of that company have succeeded in engaging the services of a number of new hands, and in effecting a slight improvement in the passenger traffic on the road. As yet the movement of the badly delayed and constantly accumulating mass of freight piled up on the side track has not been materially advanced.

The men have agreed to confer with the directors of the company, provided the secretary of their union is permitted to be present and give his counsel during the deliberations of the meeting. Inasmuch as the directors have been very positive in their assertions that they would close the road rather than permit any interference with its management by the employees or their representatives, it is doubtful whether they will consent to recognize the secretary of the union. Should they do so, the public as well as the strikers will consider the company's position as having very significantly weakened within the past twelve hours.

At Aberdeen, however, the battle seems to go badly against the strikers, almost every man having resumed work. At all the great centers of the strike, the employers express confidence that before long the necessities of their families will compel the men to come to terms and resume work. On the other hand, the strikers assert that they are in a condition to continue the struggle for six weeks without causing distress to themselves or their families. They claim to have prudently prepared for the contingency now upon them, and the treasuries of the unions are believed to be amply able to promptly relieve anything like suffering, or even scarcity of necessities.

Considering that about 10,000 men are out along the line of railway system of Scotland, the strike is a phenomenally orderly one.

At the headquarters of the striking railroad employees, great satisfaction is expressed at the prompt and energetic action of the English and Irish unions in warning their men to refrain from accepting employment on Scotch roads pending settlement of the existing difficulties. The announcement made by speakers at the various meetings which were held on reception of the news, that any attempt of English or Irish railway managers to coerce men into assisting the Scotch railway officials would be the signal for a strike on the roads controlled by such managers, was received with extraordinary enthusiasm.

Sullivan's Sentiments.

CORK, Dec. 27.—Mr. T. D. Sullivan arrived from America yesterday. He was presented with an address by a committee of McCarthyites, and in his reply said that when he left Ireland the party had a leader noted for his sagacity, reticence and statesmanlike qualities. He did not recognize these qualities in the Farnell of to-day. The majority of intelligent Americans were opposed to Farnell's continuance in the leadership. He hoped that O'Brien would succeed in bringing about an agreement, but he firmly believed that the action taken against Mr. Farnell was the proper course to pursue, and that it should not be reversed.

A Startling Statement.

VIENNA, Dec. 27.—The Count Franz Von Sykking, of Vienna, who was recently arrested on a charge of defrauding a widow out of 18,000 florins, all she had, on the pretext that he was Russia's candidate for the Bulgarian throne, and would make her daughter a princess, has presented the extraordinary defense that he was actually approached by high Russian authority with the proposal to become prince of Bulgaria, provided the Austrian court would consent to the removal of Prince Ferdinand. The count is of distinguished ancestry and his case arouses much attention.

The Czarewitch Arrives at Bombay.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Bombay advices describe the arrival of the czarewitch in that city. He was received with the honors due to his position. Col. Gerard, of the vice regal court, and Capt. Grover and Lieut. Newnham being added to the prince's staff to accompany him throughout his journey in India. A grand welcome is in preparation for the czarewitch at Hyderabad. He will also be received at Calcutta, and after visiting Madras and other places, will embark on the Russian flagship at Mysore, for Ceylon en route to China.

Farnell Weakening.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Temps says that after the meeting of Mr. Farnell and Mr. O'Brien, a formal conference will be held between Messrs. McCarthy, Power, Redmond, O'Kelly, Sexton, Kenny and Arthur O'Connor, the aim being a reunion on the basis of the temporary retirement of Mr. Farnell.

Round House Roof Falls In.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The roof of the Central house, round house, at West Albany, yesterday afternoon fell from the weight of snow. There were eight men buried beneath the timbers and snow. Of these only two were very much injured. Engineer John Reeder had his right arm broken and otherwise injured. George Petrie sustained injuries about the body and legs. The others escaped with slight bruises. There were thirteen engines in the house at the time.

A DEAD HIGHWAYMAN.

He Attempted to Rob an Indianapolis Street Car Driver and Is Shot Dead.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—About 9:30 o'clock last night T. A. Seeley, driver of an English avenue car, shot through the head a man who attempted to board the front end of the car to rob him of his cash box.

Seeley had been warned by a boy living in West Indianapolis that an attempt would be made to rob him, and when he saw two men of suspicious character standing near the corner of Spruce street and English avenue in the extreme southwest part of the city, he became very cautious. One of the men hailed the car, but the driver, paying no attention to the call, drove on.

The two men then ran after the car, and the driver, looking back, saw that both were mas's. One of them ran to the front of the car, and jumping on the driver's platform, placed a revolver at his head. The driver though hardly anticipating such a movement, quickly had his own revolver at the robbers' head. He fired, and the robber fell over the dashboard dead, with a bullet hole through his skull.

The second highwayman took to his heels, but the driver, jumping from the car, fired three shots at him, none of which took effect. The dead man was tall, about 28 years of age, and well dressed. There was nothing on his person to identify him.

ARKANSAS BOILER EXPLOSION.

A Section Goes Through a Steamboat in Its Flight.

NEWPORT, Ark., Dec. 27.—By the explosion of a boiler in Kelly & Wells' lumber mills, on Black river, forty miles from here, two persons were killed and a number wounded. Engineer Wiley Sloan and John Angus, the superintendent, were standing in front of the boiler when the explosion occurred. Angus was blown against a lumber heap breaking his limbs and tearing away a portion of his skull.

No traces of the body of Sloan, the engineer, can be found. A large section of the boiler was shot through the iron roof, then through the Texas deck of the steamer Golden Gate, anchored nearby, and then across the river one hundred yards wide. Maud West was frightfully scalded and William Durgens had both legs broken in several places and was badly scalded. Four others were injured, but not dangerously.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

A Brief Summary of the Commerce of That Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Bureau of the American republics has received a dispatch from the Argentine Republic giving a brief summary of the commerce of that country for the year ending June 30 last. It appears that notwithstanding the revolution the imports for the year amounted to \$175,955,187, and the exports \$199,627,814.

The wheat crop for the year has been enormous and will probably be the largest ever grown in the country. During the year 289,014 immigrants landed at Buenos Ayres, of which number 106,343 had their passage paid by the government. The population in Buenos Ayres is reported to have increased between 30,000 and 40,000 during the year; 126 new streets being laid out, and between 8,000 and 9,000 new buildings erected.

Lymph Patients Improving.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The one hundred and odd lymph-inoculated patients at the various hospitals are all doing well, and are showing in a more or less degree the expected reactionary symptoms. There are seventeen lymph cases in Bellevue hospital, of whom several will be re-inoculated. They will also be weighed. Should their weight show an increase, Dr. Loomis will regard the lymph injections as having been productive of good results. Dr. Loomis would regard an increase in weight as the best premonition of the ultimate success of the experiment.

Buttler Confesses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Charles Buttler, the divorce lawyer, who was arrested Thursday, has made a partial confession to the police, and acknowledges the committing of the crimes of forgery and larceny in connection with the bogus divorce mill of Hughes and Campbell, which was recently exposed by ex-Mayor Pendleton, of Fort Worth, Tex. Buttler says he is willing to pay the penalty for his crime.

Young Girl Uses an Ax on a Man.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 27.—Maggie Murphy and Edward McDermott got into a row at a party given by a friend in Morgan street, and Miss Murphy, who is only 15 years old, hit McDermott on the head with an ax, crushing in his skull. The girl was arrested, and McDermott was sent to the city hospital.

Fell on His Feet.

ENGLISH, Ind., Dec. 27.—Eli Hughes, walking across the Blue river bridge Thursday night, fell seventy-five feet. He alighted on his feet. His companions hastened to him and found him sitting; they carried him home. Yesterday morning he was apparently unhurt, but complaining of stiffness in his joints.

Tussel With Toughs.

LIMA, O., Dec. 27.—A party of drunken toughs boarded Conductor Sprow's train on the Lake Erie and Western road at this place, and attempted to kill the conductor. The train men came to his rescue and quelled the mob. The result is several broken noses, but no one dangerously hurt.

Christmas Festivities.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 27.—In a free fight in a saloon at Farmersburg, near here Thursday, "Bud" Moore was shot behind the ear, the bullet coming out of the top of the head. George Berlein was shot in the shoulder and two other men were badly wounded.